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Winter Flower Show
at Mysore Palace from Dec. 22

Chennakeshava Temple at Somanathapura in T. Narasipur to be main attraction

A file photo of the Flower Show held at Mysore Palace in Dec. 2022.

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (BCT)- The annual Mysore Palace Flower Show conducted every winter that sees major attendance will be held from Dec. 22 to Dec. 31 this year.

The Flower Show, a combination of symbols and imagery from natural, historical, religious, technological and current affairs will be inaugurated by Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and other dignitaries at 5 pm on Dec. 22.

In 2022, destination management company Indian Holiday Private Limited (IHPL) listed the Mysore Palace Flower Show, conducted annually by the Palace Board in December, among 'Five Must-Visit Winter Flower Shows in India.'

This year, over 25,000 flowering plants from 35 species will be on display and a whopping 4 lakh flowers will be spread around the Flower Show area against the imposing backdrop of the illuminated Palace.

The Show will be open for public from 10 am to 9 pm and the entry will be free.

To facilitate smooth conduct of the Winter Flower Show, Sound and Light Show at the Palace between 7 pm and 8 pm has been suspended from Dec. 18 till Jan. 4, 2024, said Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya

(See PALACE on page 7)

Kamakshi Hospital Trustee
M. Ashok Shenoy passes away

M. Ashok Shenoy

Mysuru, Dec. 18- M. Ashok Shenoy (61), Joint Managing Trustee of Kamakshi Hospital, Mysuru and Managing Committee Member of Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS - Educational Institutions), Mysuru, passed away following a heart attack yesterday evening in city.

A resident of VV Puram, he was also an industrialist and Gowda Saraswath Brahman Sabha leader.

Son of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works partner and former President of Rashtrothana Sahitya Parishat late Anand Rao, he leaves behind his mother Nagarathna Rao, wife Mamatha Shenoy, daughter Kruthika Shenoy, son Abhay Shenoy and a host of relatives and friends.

Ashok Shenoy was on his usual walk when he collapsed on Kalidasa Road yesterday evening. Public rushed him to nearby Chandrakala Hospital and was later shifted to Brindavan Hospital where the doctors after examination declared him dead.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening, according to family sources.

To Our Readers

Today being the birth centenary of renowned photographer and photo-journalist T.S. Satyan of Mysuru, a special article titled **'Remembering T.S. Satyan on his birth centenary'** is published in the ***Abracadabra*** column on page-6. **—Ed**

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 18th December 2023

International HR Conference at SDM-IMD on Dec. 21, 22

Mysuru, Dec. 18- Human resource management plays an important role in contributing towards the achievement of the sustainability goals of an organisation and in improving its holistic performance. In the above backdrop, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) in association with Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) is organising the 11th International Conference on "HR for Organisational Sustainability" at SDM-IMD auditorium in Mysuru on Dec. 21 and 22.

The conference aims to address several HR related issues, which organisations need to keep in mind, for sustainable performance. Around 125 participants are expected to attend the conference, who will be discussing and deliberating on the significance of HRM policies and strategies for sustainable organisations. The other distinguished speakers, who will be delivering the invited lectures, include Dr. Mahesh Rao, CEO, Aashaya Design Solutions, Ravichandra Bekal, CHRO, Wurth Elektronik India Pvt. Ltd and Dr. K. Anantha Gowda, CHRO, Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited.

The conference will be inaugurated by K. Suresh, Founder Director, ATMA Foundation and Eswara Rao, Vice-President, Works, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., on Dec. 21 at 10 am. The valedictory address will be delivered by Dr. Dharma Prasad, CEO, Prosetta Bioconformatics.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A kite in the sky is a smile of the wind," I read somewhere. Whenever we see kites sizzle in the sky it feels like happiness being spread on a string. Kite flying is also a catalyst for strengthening relationships and bonding among family and friends.

Once a father and son went with their kite and a roll of string to participate in the kite flying festival. The son successfully launched the kite with his father's help and it continued to climb into the sky through his skilled tugs on the string and started cruising at a higher altitude. After a while, the son said, "Father, it seems that the string is holding up the kite from flying higher. If we break it, the kite will be free and will go flying even higher. Can we break it?" The father said, "Unless you try you wouldn't know, so cut it".

When the string got cut from the roller, the kite started to go a little higher which made the son squeal with delight. But then, slowly the kite came down and soon fell on a tree. The young son was surprised to see this and asked his father, "I thought that after cutting off the string, the kite can freely fly higher. But why did it fall down?"

The Father explained, "Son, when the curved surface of the kite deflects the wind downward, it creates an area of low pressure above and high pressure below. The pressure difference generates an upward force and gives it a lift. The string is not holding back the kite from going higher, but it is helping it stay higher when the wind slows down. As the wind picked up, you helped the kite to go up higher in a proper direction through the tugs on the string. But when we cut the string, it fell down without the support you were providing to the kite through the string."

Indeed a kite with no string is a future without roots. We often think that we can progress quickly and reach higher goals if we are not tied down to family and friends. But the loved ones are the sail and ballast of our lives to survive the toughest storms. Like a kite, let us have our chord of faith and trust rooted in our well-wishers to fly high.

— Jayanthi Chandrasekarn in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Suppressing sneeze: Man tears windpipe

Dundee: In what has been described as a first-of-its-kind medical case, a man in his 30s ended up with a hole in his throat after pinching his nose and pressing his lips shut in order to suppress a sneeze.

The unnamed man was taken to Ninewells Hospital, in Dundee, Scotland, in severe pain, after trying to stifle a sneeze by pinching his nose and closing his mouth shut while driving. Apparently, when you do something like that, the pressure in the upper airways can increase by about 20 times, which can lead to serious injuries including ruptured eardrums, aneurysms, and even broken ribs. However, in this particular case, the unnamed patient ended up with a 2mm tear in their windpipe, which caused excruciating pain. A throat tear, known medically as a "spontaneous tracheal perforation" is a rare and potentially life-threatening injury that had not been associated with sneeze stifling before.

Woman has over 300 kidney stones removed

Tainan: A 20-year-old woman from Taiwan recently underwent surgery to have no less than 300 small stones removed from her right kidney.

The young woman, identified as Xiao Yu, was admitted to a hospital in the city of Tainan earlier this month, after complaining of severe pain in her lower back. She also had a fever and a blood test showed an unusually high white blood cell count. Doctors ordered a CT scan which showed that Yu's right kidney was full of fluid and virtually full of kidney stones. The young woman was put on antibiotics, fluids drained from her kidney and a minimally invasive surgery was done to remove hundreds of stones measuring between 5mm and 2cm in size.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. – Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Runners-up in Tennikoit Tourney

De Paul College, Mysuru, won 2nd place in the University of Mysore Mandvya Zone Inter-Collegiate Tennikoit Women's Tournament 2023-24 organised by Women's College, Mandya, on Dec. 5. Seen are (standing from left) Dhanusha, Poorvika, R. Angeline Francis Mary (Physical Education Director), Renuka (Captain) and Teena with the trophy.

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Today's Outflow **574 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **550 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Around 2000 BC, Chinese are said to have used incense for the first time. Ancient Egyptian incense burners from 7C BC have been found.*
- *It is thought the Egyptians burned plant extracts to make the gods happy with their pleasing perfume. Samurai warriors from Japan utilised incense to perfume their helmets in the 14th century in order to project an aura of invincibility.*
- *The biggest incense stick ever created is 15.71 m (51 ft 6.87 in) long and 1.02 m (1.02 m) wide, according to a Guinness World Record (3 ft 4.5 in).*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife: *You know I can fight the world for you.*
Hubby: *But you keep fighting with me only.*
Wife: *Because you are my world baby!*
Hubby: *!!??*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.96
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.35
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.59
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.55

VOICE OF THE READER

Roads widened but no space for vehicular traffic!

Sir,

I would like to request the authorities concerned to stop widening the roads in Mysuru because they will be either occupied for parking more cars or by street vendors and food trucks to conduct their business and in the end only one lane is left effective for vehicular traffic!

The best example for this is the Nelson Mandela Road, especially the stretch from Highway Circle to LIC Circle in Bannimantap. Quite a few times, I have seen Police patrol cars stop here for tea and snacks, but, I am surprised there is nobody when people are doing wheelies, driving on wrong side etc.

I suggest installation of a median of very heavy concrete blocks (like the one on Sayyaji Rao Road) from Highway Circle junction to LIC junction with only two or three small gaps for pedestrians to cross over. They can be temporarily removed during Dasara period. All vehicles, including KSRTC buses should go around the roundabout on either end to get to the other side.

Also, please check the vans and autos stuffed with children and driving rashly.

Hope the authorities will take necessary preventive steps and not wait for some mishap to get going!

— M.U. Appayya
Bannimantap
15.12.2023

Subramanyeshwara Shasti celebrated

Mysuru, Dec.18 (MTY&DM)- Subramanyeshwara Shasti was celebrated with fervour across the city, with devotees performing pujas and offering milk to Nagarakallu and Anthills in their localities.

Though the usual Shasti Jatra did not take place at the famed Subramanya temple at Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway as Gopura Installation and temple renovation works are going on, scores of devotees were seen seeking the blessings of the deity standing from a distance. Also, many devotees were seen offering prayers to Nagarakallu and Anthills in the vicinity of the temple.

In Mysuru city, special pujas and rituals were performed at Subramanyeshwara temples at Brindavan extension and Hanumanthanagar, Amruteshwara temple on Dewan's Road in Devaraja Mohalla, Kadumaleshwara temple near the Old DC Office and in a few other localities.

Marking the festival, some organisations conducted pujas and arranged 'Anna Santarpane' (mass feeding) at several areas in the city.

Overall, it can be said that the devotees, though disappointed over the fact that there was no Jatra Mahotsava on account of Subramanya temple renovation works at Siddalingapura, were seen celebrating the festival with the usual fervour by visiting temples.

Subramnaya Shasti holds religious importance in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, where Lord Subramanya is worshipped with special pujas and rituals. It is widely believed that this day commemorates Lord Kartikeya's victory over the demon Tarkasura.

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Selection trials for 22nd Natl. Para Athletic Championship

Mysuru, Dec. 18- Karnataka Sports Association for Physically Handicapped and Tumakuru District Sports Association for Physically Handicapped, in association with the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, will be jointly hosting 22nd National Para Athletic Championship 2023-24 at Panaji in Goa from Jan. 9 to 13.

The selection trials for the same will be held at Mahatma Gandhi Outdoor Stadium in Tukamuru on Dec. 22 from 8 am to 6.30 pm.

The trials will be held based on International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) rules.

Karnataka State Physically Handicapped Federation, Mysuru District Unit President G.C. Veeraraje Urs has, in a press release, asked all the Para Athletes of the district to take part in the trials.

For further details, contact B. Kumara on Mob: 84316-27025 or 99452-07288.

Seminar on "GST Annual Returns" tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 18- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (SIRC), Mysuru Branch, has organised a Study Circle Meeting on "GST Annual Returns - GSTR9" for the benefit of its members and finance professionals from Industry.

The event will be held on Tuesday (Dec. 19) at 6 pm at Rotary Mysore Centre, opposite MUDA, JLB Road, Mysuru.

The session will be facilitated by CA Annapurna Srikanth. All interested participants should pre-register with the ICAI, Mysuru Branch on Ph: 0821-2598000 according to a press release from CA V. Raghunandan Rao, Chairman, ICAI - Mysuru Branch.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Play this evening

Artistes of Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe will be staging Jnanapith awardee Dr. Chandrashekar Kambara's play 'Bepputakkadi Boleshankara' at 6.30 pm today (Dec. 18) at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira in city.

Training to ASHA workers

Health and Family Welfare Department, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya and Geriatrics Department, JSS Hospital, have jointly organised I-COPE (Integrated Care for Older People), a one-day convention and training for ASHA workers, at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road at 9.45 am tomorrow (Dec. 19). Vijayanagar Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will inaugurate the event in the presence of Rajayogini BK Lakshmiji. DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Geriatrics Department Head Dr. Pratibha Pereira and Global Hospital (Mount Abu) Senior Medical Officer Dr. Maheshwar Hemadri will be present.

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 3rd quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Rajiv Nagar Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply on Dec. 20 between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas: Rajiv Nagar 2nd and 3rd Stage, Christian Colony, Yasin Masjid, S. Layout, Suryanarayan Temple Road, Al-badar Masjid Circle, Ambedkar Bhavan Road, Cuba Masjid Circle, NH Hospital, Kamanakerehundi, KHB Layout, RTO-55, Asina Layout and surrounding areas, according to a release from Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

Students Hostel

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has extended last date to apply online for admission to Post Matric Students Hostel for the year 2023-24 till Dec. 22, according to a press release from Department's Taluk Backward Classes Welfare Officer.

Ph.D awardee

C.S. Siddaraju has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Agro-Based Industries in Mysuru District - A Special Reference to Rice Mills.' [Guide: Dr. H. Kamala]

Staff geared up to save Bandipur's biodiversity in forest fire months

Summer challenges to be met with advanced fire prevention tactics, additional fire lines

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Dec. 18- Amidst the scorching heat and a dearth of rainfall in the forested areas, the Forest Department is gearing up to safeguard valuable resources from the perils of summer by proposing the construction of an additional 100 kilometres of fire lines.

A heightened state of alert has been declared across all 13 ranges of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve forest. The Department is actively working to establish 2,876 kilometres of fire lines, surpassing the 2,776 kilometres implemented in the previous year. Furthermore, 475 Fire Watchers will be deployed to maintain a vigilant watch over the wilderness.

Over the past three years, Bandipur has successfully averted incidents of wildfires. Now, for the fourth consecutive year, the responsibility lies on the authorities to protect the flora and fauna from the threat of fire. Safeguarding the vast Bandipur Forest, spanning 1,036 square kilometres, is undeniably challenging, especially considering the extensive damage caused by wildfires in the past.

The year 2020-21 witnessed no reported fire mishaps in Bandipur, even amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which restricted human movement.

Extensive fire lines

Critical to preventing the spread of wildfires, fire lines are strategically drawn after identifying porous points in the wilderness. Depending on the forest conditions, 20-metre and 30-metre-wide fire lines are established. Observations by Forest personnel have prompted plans for an additional 100 kilometres of fire lines in Ecologically Sensitive Zones (ESZs) this year, pending approval from higher authorities. The installation of Watch Towers is integral to safety measures in dense forest and tiger core areas. Plans include constructing one or two Watch Towers at each range, providing personnel with the capability to monitor and alert others in case of smoke detection.

Static Mobile Fire Protection Camp

Moreover, a site has been identified for setting up a Static Mobile Fire Protection Camp. Staff at this camp will respond swiftly based on information provided by Watch and Ward personnel. A Mobile Fire Protection Camp will collaborate with other personnel, with plans to assign one vehicle to each range, ready to transport Watchers and other staff to locations with firebreak incidents. These vehicles will also be equipped to supply food, water and other essentials to the staff on-site.

To combat fire, deployed Fire Watchers will utilise a broom-like bunch of leaves and fire blowers. A total of 55 blowers are already available and 13 additional blowers have been acquired for fire suppression. Water cans and cudgels are also stocked to support the Watchers.

Forest Department personnel at Bandipur undergo annual training by Fire and Emergency Services Department personnel to effectively combat wildfires. They receive specific instructions on extinguishing fires from particular directions and follow precautionary measures during fire-fighting operations.

Precautionary measures taken: Director

Dr. P. Ramesh

According to Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, proactive measures have been implemented to forestall summer wildfires in the region. Bandipur proudly maintains a track record of zero fire-related incidents over the past 3 years, a testament to the dedicated efforts of Forest personnel. "As we brace for the upcoming season, we remain committed to this successful streak, actively raising awareness in villages situated on the forest periphery through street plays, as well as the distribution of informative posters and pamphlets," he said.

To reinforce our wildfire prevention efforts, a total of 475 Watchers are being recruited, each of whom will be provided with insurance coverage of Rs. 10 lakh. Comprehensive measures have been put in place to effectively address potential fire outbreaks. Furthermore, a contingency plan has been established to deploy additional personnel promptly upon receiving fire-related complaints.

"Crucially, we emphasise the importance of collaboration with communities residing in forest fringes, urging them to join forces with Forest Dept. in our collective endeavour to safeguard valuable resources during the fire season," he added.

Parliament security breach

Delhi Police team gathers clues at Manoranjan's Mysuru house

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (BLU&KS)- Three Police officers, including a female officer, have been conducting an inspection at the residence of D. Manoranjan, one of the accused in the Parliament security breach case, in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. The local Police are assisting the officers from New Delhi in this investigation.

Manoranjan

Manoranjan's house at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

The inspection has been ongoing for over three hours since this morning, during which one of the relatives in the house has been asked to remain outside while the residence is secured from the inside. The Police officers are meticulously examining newspapers and books in Manoranjan's room and cross-referencing information with his bank passbooks.

Furthermore, Manoranjan's parents are a part of the interrogation process.

The authorities are taking thorough measures to gather relevant information and ensure a comprehensive investigation into the matter, sources said.

Special Cell recreates scene

New Delhi, Dec. 18 (Agencies)- Delhi Police's Special Cell have recreated the entire crime scene of the audacious Parliament attack that took place on Dec. 13. All the accused were taken to the new Parliament complex to de-construct the scene and ascertain the security lapses.

Sources indicate that the accused underwent a re-enactment of the crime at the Parliament, facilitating the Police in understanding the perpetrators' entry into the building with a colour spray and the execution of their plan.

Due to ongoing Parliamentary proceedings, Special Cell team faced challenges in re-enacting the scene following the arrest last Thursday and Friday. The team conducted the recreation either on Saturday or Sunday when the Parliament was not in Session.

However, Police are tight-lipped about the scene recreation and there is no information about it though sources said that the exercise was conducted under heavy security, without media coverage. The Special Cell sleuths accompanied the accused, guiding them from the Parliament premises' entrance to recreate the incident meticulously within the building.

The five accused who were taken to Parliament were D. Manoranjan, a resident of Mysuru; Sagar Sharma, a resident of Lucknow; Neelam, a resident of Haryana's Jind, Amol Shinde, a resident of Maharashtra's Latur and Lalit Jha, a resident of West Bengal.

According to sources, the Special Cell team will also be taking the accused to their flat in Gurugram where they used to meet. The Special Cell team has also prepared a list of 50 mobile numbers on which the accused had dialled in the last 15 days, sources said. The Police are calling these numbers to take their identities. Sources said that the Special Cell is trying to determine whether only six to seven accused were involved in the incident or they were getting help from other people as well.

A file photo of Parliament attack that took place on Dec. 13.

Contact two years ago

Meanwhile, the accused Sagar Sharma, who studied 12th Class, came in touch with Mysuru's Computer Engineering dropout D. Manoranjan more than two-years ago, Sagar's father Roshan Lal Sharma said.

"More than two years ago, while scrolling the gallery of his phone, Sagar introduced Manoranjan to us. He was very fond of him and talked about him a lot, but we reprimanded him and advised him to maintain a certain distance, as Manoranjan was a stranger to us. This episode happened while Sagar used to work in a flour mill in Bengaluru," said Roshan Lal Sharma, a carpenter.

Manoranjan's volunteer work in Cambodia

Investigations have disclosed that Manoranjan spent a brief period in Cambodia, engaging in volunteer work after discontinuing his Engineering course.

Manoranjan's journey to Cambodia, via Bangkok, in approximately 2014, is evident from his international travel records, according to Police sources.

The parents have suggested that Manoranjan's visit to Cambodia was for volunteer work, possibly with an agency like the UN. Investigating authorities are in the process of verifying these travel details.

This trip to Cambodia stands out as the sole instance of foreign travel in Manoranjan's records and authorities are scrutinising it to understand his ideological and political affiliations.

Youth arrested for abusing Cop during vehicle checking

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (RK&KS)- Nazarbad Police have arrested a youth for abusing a Traffic Head Constable during checking of vehicles and obstructing the Head Constable in performing his duty. The arrested youth is 22-year-old Vikas, son of Siddalingamurthy, a resident of Gandhinagar in city.

Yesterday afternoon, Siddarthanagar Traffic Police were conducting checking of vehicles near Mysuru Zoo, when Vikas came riding a Royal Enfield bike. He was stopped by Head Constable Lingaraju, who asked Vikas to show the vehicle documents.

Irked over this, Vikas questioned the Head Constable for stopping him when they allow traffic rules violators go freely and abused the Head Constable using foul language besides allegedly manhandling the Policeman on duty. Soon, other Police personnel arrived and informed the jurisdictional Nazarbad Police.

When the Nazarbad Police arrived at the spot, Vikas abused them following which the Nazarbad Police took him to the Police Station where he again shouted against Head Constable Lingaraju, which was caught on CCTV camera installed in the Police Station.

Nazarbad Inspector Mahadevaswamy, who registered a case against Vikas for indecent behaviour, abusing and obstructing a Govt. servant in performing his duty, has arrested Vikas.

MP Umesh Jhadav bats for Pratap Simmha

Kalaburagi, Dec. 18 (Agencies)- Even as reports from New Delhi today said that the Delhi Police Special Cell, which is investigating the Lok Sabha security breach, might record the statement of BJP MP Pratap Simmha, in whose name the authorisation for two intruders was issued, MP Umesh Jhadav has questioned why Pratap Simmha must be questioned as demanded by the Congress party.

Pratap Simmha

Umesh Jhadav

Speaking in Kalaburagi, Jhadav expressed his concern over the unfortunate incident and accused the Congress of politicising the matter. He argued that issuing passes for constituents is a common practice among politicians to build support, emphasising that Simmha should not be faulted for such actions.

Jhadav noted that the Government has already taken action by suspending eight personnel and initiating a probe into the security lapse. He urged that the investigations reveal the actual culprits and criticised the Congress for prematurely declaring Simmha guilty before the investigative agencies have identified the accused, deeming it as ridiculous.

'BJP diverting public attention, desperate to save Mysuru MP'

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (MTY&BCT)- KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana has accused BJP of diverting public attention by prompting MP Lahar Singh Siroya to claim that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is allegedly using 'Urban Naxals' to ensnare Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha, with the purported motive of securing his son, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, as the next Mysuru MP.

Speaking at a press conference at the Congress Office yesterday, Lakshmana asserted that Siddharamaiah would not engage in such tactics, emphasising that the Centre has overlooked the issue without initiating an investigation. He criticised the BJP for staunchly supporting Pratap Simmha and dismissed allegations made by figures like Lahar Singh Siroya as unfounded.

Regarding the controversy surrounding a protest featuring a morphed image of Simmha depicted as a terrorist, Lakshmana clarified that the Congress party disassociates itself from the demonstration organised by the Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum.

He stressed that the Congress party does not label Simmha or the entire Muslim community as terrorists, clarifying that the protest was not orchestrated by the Congress party, despite the presence of a few party leaders.

On the reporters' question that Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum President Shivaram being present always with CM Siddharamaiah whenever he visited Mysuru and also had carried out active campaigns for Siddharamaiah to win the last elections and to become the CM, Lakshmana clarified that Shivaram does not hold any position in the Congress party.

He emphasised that while they have called for an inquiry into the Mysuru MP, they have not referred to him as a 'terrorist,' recognising and respecting his position as the MP from Mysuru.

Obituary

Mohamed Peer

Mysuru, Dec. 18- Mohamed Peer (Ameer Pasha) of Zumur Engineering and a resident of Tilak Nagar, passed away yesterday in city. He was 77. He leaves behind his wife, three sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at the Eidgah Masjid on Mission Hospital Road after Zohar followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering T.S. Satyan on his birth centenary

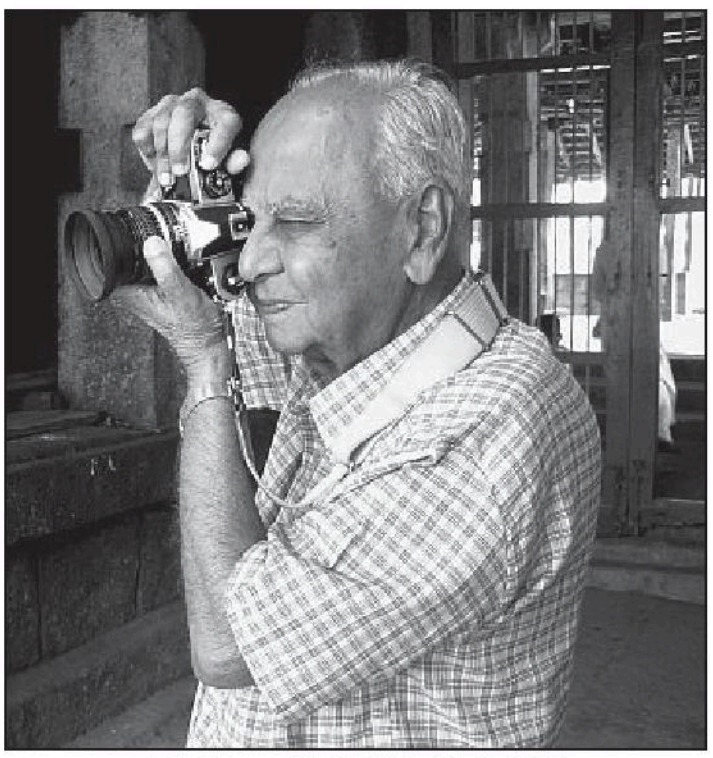
The first thought that comes to my mind whenever I look at good photographs either in a newspaper, magazine or a gallery has always been that of T.S. Satyan. A photographer par-excellence, a photo-journalist of national eminence who was recognised by the Government of India with the national civil honour of *Padma Shri* in 1979.

Star of Mysore began its publication on 16th February 1978 and I had no occasion to know him then. He shifted to Mysore from Delhi for good with his family some time later. K. Vijay Kumar, the then District Information and Publicity Officer in Mysore, was supportive of *Star of Mysore* and quite affable with its Editor, that's yours truly. Obviously, Vijay Kumar must have thought that a burgeoning evening newspaper published by some one with experience and enthusiasm needed to be supported and asked his old acquaintance T.S. Satyan, now settled in Mysore, to provide photographs to *Star of Mysore* if he could.

Now, my friend Vijay Kumar recalls T.S. Satyan's instant reaction, with a poker face and eyes popping: *"What do you think the paper is? Washington Post?"*

As an voracious reader of *Illustrated Weekly* and *LIFE* magazine in Bombay (now Mumbai) in the late 60s and early 70s, I was familiar with Satyan's photographs published occasionally in those magazines. I had also read some of his pictorial articles, of course, with photographs taken by himself, in the Air India and Indian Airlines in-flight magazines. Like R.K. Narayan's writings, T.S. Satyan's too are so mellifluous the reader is absolutely lost to the outside world. I must be beholden to my friend Vijay Kumar for introducing me to Satyan serendipitously at some function.

In retrospect, I get the feeling, in truth it was not a casual or formal introduction but an emotional connection between



T.S. Satyan (18.12.1923 - 13.12.2009)

we two. Professionally speaking, we both belonged to the same fraternity, though of different streams. It was like the proverbial love at first sight experience. Soon we engaged ourselves talking inanely about our times in the past — he with his camera and I with my pen — over miserly diluted whisky. The next day when I went to office there was an envelope from T.S. Satyan. On opening, I found a mesmerising black and white photograph with a headline and caption that only he could write and anyone with a sense of aesthetics would appreciate. At last, T.S. Satyan had found his 'Washington Post' I thought.

Occasionally, Satyan would drag me along on his errands whenever he found an opportunity to get good pictures. That was how I went to Bylakuppe, Tibetan Colony, near Periyapatna, to photograph Dalai Lama when he was there for few days and to the Sangam in Srirangapatna near Mysore to wait and click the post-cremation ritual of Hindus at the confluence of River Cauvery and Lokapavani. As an advertising man in Mumbai and Pune, I have seen professional, specialist photographers in their distinctive physical appearance and attitude. But it has never been so with my dear Satyan. He was absolutely unassuming; no airs about being an ace photographer with awards and recognition tucked under his belt. Even when it came to eulogising him in *Star of Mysore* or its Kannada sister publication *Mysuru Mithra,* he would demur if his name was mentioned with a prefix *Padma Shri*. "It is not a special qualification like that of a doctor or a rank of an Army Officer," he would say. Except when visiting clubs or attending a formal function when he would wear his suit and tie, he was always a common man. Dressed in his trademark pants and bush shirt of white or some light colour.

And clubs and social parties he would love to visit and enjoy his chota peg. He was my honoured guest at Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (Mysore Sports Club) on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road on many occasions. If Satyan was around, be assured there was never a dull moment. A good conversationist, very affable, caring and above all alive and clicking (if he carried his invisible camera hidden inside his small bag). Let me swear like a witness that once that camera came out of the bag into his hands, he was like a possessed person. *Kanthara.* Like a predator after its prey. And in a flash the camera was back in the bag.

My experience is that professionals in different streams of work generally do not participate in protests and demonstrations for a public cause. If at all, they would participate if the cause related to their own profession. In Mysore sans any professional concern and time at his disposal, he would wear the mantle of a protester for a public cause sitting under the statue of Mahatma Gandhi or in front of a government office along with other distinguished persons of the sunset club while the young activists would shout slogans and take out protest marches.

Of such a person, what can I say about his legacy for those he left behind? He had many virtues worthy of emulation by youngsters who would be taking their first steps towards a long journey in life. Among the legacy he left behind, I guess, the foremost one was his dedication to his art, art of photography. His unwavering, passionate pursuit of his profession. Honesty of purpose. That, perhaps, was the secret of his great success, from a small-time photographer, from a small-town Mysore of those days, to a world-class photographer.

If the renowned cartoonist of *The Times of India* R.K. Laxman, also from Mysore, was known for his caricatures of a common man in his cartoons, I can say in T.S. Satyan's photographs also we can see the common man candidly captured in his various daily chores and avatars. I wonder if his interest for the common man sprang from his innate quality of the heart. A heart full of love and compassion for humanity.

This year to mark the birth centenary of T.S. Satyan (18.12.1923 - 13.12.2009), the Museum of Art & Photography (MAP), #22, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru, had arranged an exhibition of some of his great works, aptly titled 'With great ease: The photography of T.S. Satyan,' from Aug. 12 till Nov. 20. Myself and my son Vikram Muthanna, the Managing Editor of *Star of Mysore,* were among a number of friends and admirers of T.S. Satyan who were invited by MAP to attend the inauguration of the expo at Bengaluru.

Even as the expo was on, many well-wishers and readers of *Star of Mysore* sent their tributes (letters and articles) to be published in this newspaper eulogising Satyan. Those who wish to know the depth of Satyan's humanitarian, nay divine, act of service to the needy, may go online and read my *Abracadabra* titled ***'Truth about T.S. Satyan'*** republished on Aug. 17, 2023 (originally published in two parts on Dec. 27 and 28, 2009).

In that I had narrated in detail what a beneficiary of T.S. Satyan's humanism Dr. Javaraiah Nanjundaiah, a dalit and a retired senior Scientist from CFTRI, had said at the condolence meeting held at Kalamandira in 2009. The extent of personal trouble taken by Satyan and the care he had showered on Dr. Nanjundaiah belong to the world of Ripley's 'Believe It or Not'.

Like any human being — let that person be a Prophet or a Pauper, Monk or a Monster, Sanyasi or a Samsari — T.S. Satyan lived a life with all its challenges and catharsis, personal sorrows and inner joys. But as I know him during his last years in Mysuru, he lived a life of peace, harmony and service in his private life, professional life and public life. He loved the world around him; his family, his friends, his profession and the people. No wonder the world around him too loved him in abundance.

Yes, 100 years today (Dec. 18, 2023) since you passed through this earth to eternity. Remembering you with love.

Om Sat Chit Ananda.

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Underworld don Dawood Ibrahim poisoned, hospitalised in Karachi? Social media abuzz

Internet shutdown in Pakistan

Dawood Ibrahim

New Delhi, Dec. 18 (Agencies)- Fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim, the mastermind behind the 1993 Mumbai blasts, has reportedly been hospitalised in Karachi, Pakistan, following alleged poisoning.

However, Pakistani authorities remain tight-lipped. A senior journalist has claimed that internet services have been down in the country. Dawood's reported hospitalisation is shrouded in secrecy and surrounded by heightened security.

The repercussions of this news has led to a complete internet shutdown across Pakistan. Social media platforms are abuzz with speculations that 67-year-old Dawood Ibrahim has fallen victim to poisoning.

Sources indicate his hospitalisation in critical condition, prompting concerns and a flurry of online discussions in a video statement, suggested a deliberate attempt to conceal a "major incident" by disrupting Twitter, Google and YouTube services. The journalist corroborates the critical condition of Dawood in the hospital, adding a layer of mystery to the unfolding situation.

Two days ago, unconfirmed reports surfaced that Dawood Ibrahim had been hospitalised in Karachi, where he is purportedly the sole occupant of an entire hospital floor.

Teacher on scooter killed as concrete-mixing vehicle runs over

Leaves behind her only daughter studying at M.S. Ramaiah College

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (RK&KS)- A ladyteacher was killed on the spot, when a concrete-mixing vehicle ran over her at RBI Junction near GRS Fantasy Park on the Outer Ring Road here this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Muktha (49), a music teacher at Keelanapura Government School in the taluk and a resident of Hebbal in city. She leaves behind her daughter Sankeerthana, who is studying at M.S. Ramaiah College in Bengaluru. Muktha's husband had pre-deceased her during COVID.

Muktha

Muktha, after crossing the Royal Inn Junction, was proceeding on her electric scooter on the Ring Road, when the concrete-mixing vehicle (KA-09-D-4982) reportedly hit the scooter from behind at RBI Junction near GRS Fantasy Park. When Muktha fell from the scooter, the concrete mixing vehicle allegedly ran over her killing her on the spot.

After the accident, the driver of the concrete mixer did not stop the vehicle but continued to drive. On seeing this negligent behaviour, the irate public chased the vehicle for about 500 mts and stopped it. The driver, on seeing the enraged public, fled from the spot.

VV Puram Traffic Inspector Lava, Sub-Inspector Gautham and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary and have seized the concrete-mixing vehicle.

Floral replica of Chennakeshava Temple at Palace Flower Show

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In a media release, Subramanya has stated that visitors can explore 25,000 decorative flower pots featuring marigold, salvia, dahlia, petunia, chrysanthemum, coleus, silosia, nasturtiums, antirrhinum, bonsai plants and more. They can witness the magic of approximately 4 lakh flowers, including roses, chrysanthemums, ping pong, carnations, gerbera, anthurium, orchids, blue daisies and others.

This year, the floral replica (50 ft wide, 28 ft long and 28 ft high) of the Chennakeshava Temple in Somanathapura (in T. Narasipur taluk of Mysuru) will be the main attraction. The Chennakeshava Temple, a remarkable piece of 12th-century Hoysala architecture, was granted the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.

Visitors can marvel at creative floral displays like the Karnataka State map, Hampi stone chariot and more adorned with vibrant flowers. In addition, they can experience the elegance of historical figures like Maharani Vanivilasa Sannidhana, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar in flower-decked models.

People can enjoy thematic displays, including a woman carrying a basket of vegetables and fruits, a tribute to Dr. Rajkumar with a floral display of him tilling the field with a traditional plough and oxen, a model of an old Jataka horse and many more. Selfie points featuring unique models, including the Preamble of the Constitution, vegetable carvings, heart-shaped photo points and cartoon-style caricatures for children will be special attractions.

Apart from the vertical garden in Varaha Park, there will be distribution of medicinal plants like aloe vera, tulsi, jasmine, betel leaf and chakramuni to visitors. Visitors can immerse themselves in cultural programmes from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Palace premises and also witness the electric lighting system enhancing the Palace's elegance.

On Dec. 31, the Police Band will perform the Karnataka and English Bands from 11 pm to 12 am. The New Year celebration will be held from 12 am to 12.15 am, featuring a spectacular green cracker fireworks display.

CM to lay foundation for Patrika Bhavan in city on Dec. 22

Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, Dec.18- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will lay the foundation stone for the new Patrika Bhavan and Training Centre of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at C.A.Site No.2 in KNS Layout, foot of Chamundi Hill at 11 am on Dec. 22. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and K. Venkatesh, MP Pratap Simmha, MLAs T.S. Srivatsa, G.T. Devegowda, K. Harish Gowda,Tanveer Sait and S.T. Somashekar, MLCs A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Madhu G. Madegowda, Marithibbegowda and C.N. Manjegowda, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, former MUDA Chairmen Yashaswi Somashekar and H.V. Rajeev, Karnataka Union of Working Journalists President Shivananda Tagadur & CM's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar will be present. MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar will preside.

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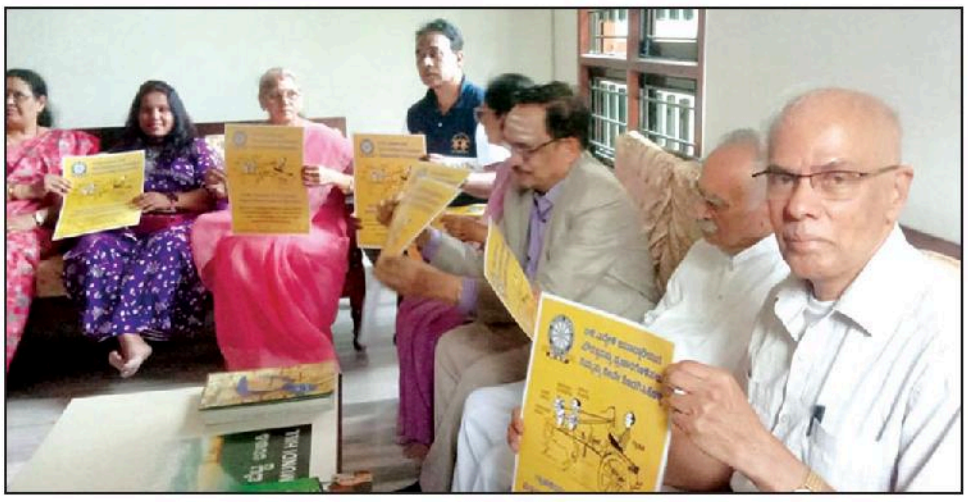
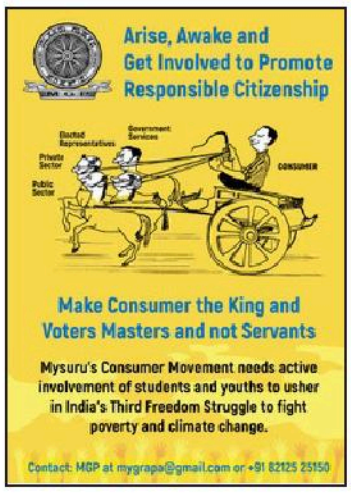
MGP meeting delves into making children socially aware, alert



Mysuru, Dec. 18 (SPN&BCT)- Developing social awareness is integral to a child's growth into adulthood. As such, social awareness instincts must be instilled in a child from an early age. Involving children in issues like climate change, poverty eradication, consumer movements and other social affairs can have several benefits.

These were some of the points discussed at the recent monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) at its premises in Yadavagiri. Engaging children in such issues from a young age helps them develop an early awareness and understanding of the challenges facing the world. This education fosters a sense of responsibility and empathy, members and experts opined.

Participants in the discussion were lecturers from Vidyavardhaka PU College, students of Vijaya Vittala Institutions, teachers and engineering students. "Involvement in social issues empowers children by making them feel that their opinions and actions matter. It helps them realise that they can contribute to positive change,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even in small ways, fostering a sense of agency and efficacy," the participants said.

Notably, in foreign nations, a consumer is empowered and is a king there but in India, the consumer is the last priority and national and multi-national companies care more about their profits than bring out products that are consumer-friendly and that take care of their health. This is because the consumers in foreign nations and their governments are more aware of their rights, said MGP Founder-President Bhamy V. Shenoy.

"If the system has to change, first the elected representatives have to change and ensure that the promises are delivered up to the last mile. Every year, the MGP conducts consumer awareness programmes but nothing much has been achieved. To make the programmes more reality-oriented, engaging children in social issues is important and it can develop a sense of civic responsibility. As they grow, they are more likely to become active and responsible citizens who contribute positively to their communities and society at large," he said.

Consumer awareness and voter awareness among children are critical aspects of their education and development as responsible citizens. Both concepts involve equipping children with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to make informed decisions in the marketplace and participate actively in the democratic process, speakers underlined.

"Children should be educated about their rights as consumers, such as the right to information, right to safety and right to choose. They need to grasp the responsibilities that come with being a consumer, including making informed choices and understanding the consequences of their decisions," Bhamy Shenoy added.

Another speaker and MGP member Shobhana said that so far many consumer awareness programmes conducted by the MGP in 30 years in schools and colleges have been of little use. She called for a renewed approach with much vigour and active involvement of the young population.

Speakers highlighted that responsible citizenship involves understanding and fulfilling civic duties, respecting the rights of others and contributing to the well-being of the community. The role of young people in responsible citizenship is particularly important, as they represent the future of society.

Renu Agarwal, C.R. Roopa, Vasanthkumar, B.R. Sowmya, Keerthana R.Nayak, V. Reeta, P. Harshitha, G. Phalguna, Manjunath B. Gowda, N. Shwetha, R. Karthik, D.V. Dayananda Sagar, V.S. Seetharam, J.L. Sowmya Shastri, N. Roopa, Abhijjna, S.A. Veena, Padmavathy and others were present at the meeting.

Awareness programme on consumer rights held

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (OSR)- An awareness programme on consumer rights was organised by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) at Ananthageetha Vidyalaya in the city recently. Posters like 'consumer is the king', 'wake up to your rights' and 'be a responsible citizen', were displayed at the event and the messages were explained to the children.

School President Venugopal Kalloor said that the MGP was doing a noble deed in creating awareness about consumer rights, voting rights and other essentials for everyone to know and assimilate. He called upon the young crowd to join hands with MGP for a socially aware society.

Principal Srikanth Amarnath, Vice-Principal Lokesh, teachers Indu Kumar, Kaveramma, Usha, Shilpa, Biligiri Rangaiah and student leaders Chinmayagowda, Kushal Raj and Monica were present.

Society reeling under jealousy and hatred from the past 10 years: S.G. Vombatkere

Mysuru, Dec.18 (BLU&DM)- Noted social activist Maj.Gen. (Rtd.) S.G. Vombatkere said that hatred and jealousy in the society has ruled the roost in the past 10 years.

He was speaking after inaugurating a lecture session on the topic 'Human rights as seen through the eyes of the Constitution', organised under the joint aegis of Jnana Vignana Samiti, People's Legal Forum and Rovers - Rangers, at Maharaja High School auditorium on JLB road here on Dec. 10.

Bemoaning that the worth of the Constitution is constantly declining due to spread of hatred, prejudice and violence in the society, Vombatkere said that the seeds of hatred that was sown 10 years ago has now grown into a huge tree and it is disgusting to note that we have been pushed into a situation where we have to reap the fruits of such a tree.

Maintaining that we cannot get freedom and justice until there is a harmonious atmosphere in the country, he said that creating a harmonious atmosphere is vital for peace and brotherhood.

Pointing out that Dec.10 is being celebrated as World Human Rights Day, he said that there should be no violation of human rights in order to make the celebration meaningful. Everyone should respect and follow the constitution, he added.

Maharaja High School Head Master Dr.D. Mahesh, People's Legal Forum Director Baburaj, Rovers-Rangers convenor Dr. R. Shreene Nayak and others were present.

Mysuru's healthcare hub expands on KRS Road

Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital, Trauma Care Centre fully operational with existing staff of MMC&RI

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Dec. 18- Contributing to Mysuru's reputation as a 'healthcare hub,' the fully operational Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre, situated at the PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road, are dedicated to serving the medical needs of the economically disadvantaged and middle-class residents in Mysuru and its neighbouring areas.

On an average daily basis, according to data from March to December 2023, these hospitals witness a footfall ranging from a minimum of 840 to a maximum of 1,291 patients. Both healthcare facilities are functioning at full capacity, delivering top-notch medical care.

In remembrance of Maharani Krishnajammanni, who fell victim to tuberculosis, the Wadiyars of Mysore erected the PKTB-CD (Princess Krishnajammanni Tuberculosis - Chest Diseases) Sanatorium in a vast, elevated and airy area near Kumbarakoppal, aiming to address the healthcare needs of the community.

With a history spanning 100 years, this hospital stands as a revered institution, offering exceptional medical services amidst serene green surroundings. However, following the transition from princely rule to democracy, the vast campus of PKTB-CD Hospital remained dormant for many years.

The shift in approach occurred when Siddharamaiah assumed the role of Chief Minister for the first time, with Chamaraja MLA Vasu persuading the CM to re-purpose the expansive space for public health. This move was prompted by the overwhelming patient load at existing government hospitals like K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital.

As a result, numerous hospitals, including the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital, Trauma Care Centre and District Hospital buildings, were established on KRS Road.

Significantly, these facilities played a pivotal role in managing patients during the 2019 COVID outbreaks and subsequent crises, with support from private industrialists bolstering the medical infrastructure. Most branches of medical facilities available at K.R. Hospital have been relocated to Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre, as efforts are underway to renovate K.R. Hospital in preparation for the Centenary celebrations of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI).

Departments shifted from K.R. Hospital

Last March, Departments such as Plastic Surgery, Neurology, Surgical Oncology, Oncology, Endocrinology, Surgical Gastrology, Urology, Nephrology and Orthopaedics were relocated from the K.R. Hospital heritage building to the Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre.

From March 2023 to December 11, 2023, these hospitals collectively treated 46,586 outpatients, encompassing various specialities and disciplines and 4,636 inpatients were taken in. In all, 2,162 major surgeries and 496 minor surgeries were performed. 11,012 General X-rays, 430 M.L.C (Medico-Legal) X-rays were performed along with 2,454 ultrasound scans. 620 physiotherapy cases were handled with 882 revisit cases.

From March 2023, 27,888 male and 18,697 female outpatients (including children) have been treated and of these, 3,066 were male children and 987 were girl children and one sexual minority patient, taking the total to 46,586 patients. 2,720 male and 1916 female inpatients (including children) were treated and of these, 130 were male children and 57 were girl children, taking the total to 4,636 inpatients.

Department-wise breakup

In the Orthopaedic Department, 11,314 were treated, 3,009 in the Plastic Surgery Department, 8,373 in Neurology, 7,052 in Neurosurgery, 124 in Surgical Oncology, 3,517 Oncology cases, 832 Endocrinology cases, 1,984 Surgical Gastrology cases, 6,330 Urology cases, 359 Nephrology cases and 456 Casualty cases received outpatient care.

Additionally, 4,636 needy individuals were admitted as inpatients and they received comprehensive treatment and care. Over these nine months, a total of 2,658 surgeries were successfully performed at the Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre.

Surgery data

Over 185 major Neuro-surgeries were performed, 603 major and 402 minor Urology surgeries, 134 major and 30 minor Surgical Oncology, 561 major and 25 minor Plastic surgeries, 153 major and 4 minor Surgical Gastroenterology, 485 major and 35 minor Orthopaedics surgeries were performed from March 2023 to December 11, 2023, in addition to 41 emergency surgeries.

Unfortunately, 31 patients succumbed to various conditions, with one in the Plastic Surgery Department, 12 in the Surgical Oncology Department, six in Oncology, four in Surgical Gastrology, four in Urology and four in the Orthopaedics Department.

Notably, the services at the Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre are managed by the doctors, nurses, professors, assistant professors and the medical staff from Mysore Medical College and Research Institute. No fresh recruitment process for professionals has been conducted separately by the government.

Support for IDS Director Dr. Meera amidst controversy, probe sought

Mysuru, Dec. 18 (BCT)- The agitation against Dr. M. Meera, Director of the **Institute of Development Studies (IDS),** University of Mysore (UoM), by a section of students and research scholars regarding the lack of a timetable, unsanitary conditions in the toilets and the alleged use of offensive language against a particular community is unfortunate and calls for immediate intervention by the UoM Vice-Chancellor, said K.C. Biddappa, President of the Mysore City Pensioners Association.

In a press release, Biddappa, the retired Senior Vice-President of ITC and past President of the Coorg Wildlife Society, expressed distress and dismay at learning about the protests.

"It is inconceivable that Dr. Meera, an able, learned and compassionate teacher with the highest degree of academic integrity, would behave in such a manner. She is simply incapable of being rude to students, let alone insulting them based on their caste. I have been visiting the IDS for the past five years, and even then, the toilets were in a poor state," he stated.

"The allegation that the timetable has not yet been finalised by Dr. Meera is rather amusing. Under her guidance, two candidates have been awarded Ph.D degrees and currently, four research scholars are pursuing their doctorates, two of whom belong to SC/ST communities (including a Jenu Kuruba) and they have expressed high appreciation for Dr. Meera's guidance and support," Biddappa mentioned.

"When my daughter was finalising her Ph.D thesis, Dr. Meera would have conference calls from 10 pm until the wee hours of the morning. I always wondered how a guide, after completing her household chores, spends hours talking to her Ph.D student," he remarked.

"I feel that a good teacher, who does not compromise on academic integrity, does not bend rules, but lacks political clout, is normally subjected to this kind of harassment and intimidation to get them vacate their position and pave the way for someone else," Biddappa said.

"I studied at the University of Mysore about 55 years ago when it was considered one of the top Universities in the country led by outstanding academicians from the Vice-Chancellors to the lecturers, all dedicated to striving for academic excellence for the University and the student community. Dr. Meera belongs to that earlier era of academicians," he added.

Biddappa has urged the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar to institute an impartial inquiry to find out the truth and take appropriate action.

Lack of fodder, vision impairment leads to elephant's death

Madikeri, Dec. 18- A female elephant, suffering from loss of vision, which was found roaming in villages at Harangi backwaters in search of food since one-and-a-half months has died.

The female elephant, aged about 35 years, was found lying exhausted at Sajjalli village in Harangi backwaters area near Somwarpet and was provided treatment. But the elephant did not respond to the treatment and has breathed its last.

The elephant was blind in one eye and the other eye had dimmed vision which had resulted in the elephant not able to get the desired food. It had come to the backwaters to quench its thirst where it had collapsed, Forest officials said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Quixotic

Pronunciation: kwik-SAH-tik.
Meaning: Quixotic describes people and ideas that are foolishly impractical, especially as they pursue or relate to the pursuit of ideals. A quixotic person is often known for lofty romantic ideas or extravagantly chivalrous action. Quixotic can also describe things that are unpredictable.
Origin: If you guessed that quixotic has something to do with Don Quixote, you're absolutely right. The hero of Miguel de Cervantes' 17th-century Spanish novel El ingenioso hidalgo don Quijote de la Mancha (in English "The Ingenious Hidalgo Don Quixote of La Mancha") didn't change world by tilting at windmills, but he did leave a linguistic legacy in English. The adjective quixotic is based on his name and has been used to describe unrealistic idealists since at least early 18th century. The novel has given English other words as well. Dulcinea, name of Quixote's beloved, has come to mean "mistress" or "sweetheart," and rosinante, which is sometimes used to refer to an old horse, comes from the name of the hero's less-than-gallant steed, Rocinante.

THE ODD WORD

Qanat

Underground tunnel for carrying irrigation water.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Quantum leap

Meaning: A sudden, very noticable and significant advance.
Origin: Before quantum leaps there were quantum jumps, which had the same meaning. This has a defined meaning in physics and it is the change that occurs in an atom when an electron jumps from one energy level to another with the emission or absorbaion of a photon. The term 'quantum jump' began to be used around 1920 following the theories and discoveries that were made in quantum physics by many notable scientists in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, notably Bohr and Einstein.
The first use of the phrase that w've found is from the Procedings of the National Academy of Science U.S.A., March 1924:
The second column gives the quantum numbers designating the quantum jump under consideration.
'Quantum leap' comes a little later, as in this example from the Journal of Philosophy, 1930: We may refer the arbitrary character of a single ultimate physical event, such as a quantum leap, to the arbitrary character of the whole universe of which the single event is a part.

QUOTE BOX

We must walk consciously only part way toward our goal, and then leap in the dark to our success. **—Henry David Thoreau**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: What goes up must come down.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Frog-like creature
5 Mineral spring
8 Extinct flightless birds
12 Sampled (5,3)
14 Short for 'this month'
15 NCO
16 Musical instrument
17 Required Navigation Performance
18 Dried grape
20 Prefers
23 Challenge or defy
24 Shivering illness
25 Yield
28 Footlike organ
29 Greek letter - "at the" anagram?
30 Lord Of The Rings baddie
32 Dangers
34 A wading bird
35 ___ Christian Andersen : famous fairy tale teller?
36 Map part
37 Court star Stefan
40 A very common conjunction
41 Sounds like a cows or a bull
42 Frightful
47 Asian language
48 Renounce, deny to oneself something considered important
49 Expresses, puts into words
50 Three for the Roman
51 Famous cookie

DOWN

1 Teletype setter, in short
2 Raw metal
3 On the ___ : being broadcast ?
4 University honour
5 Serial drama on TV
6 A play on words
7 Captivates or charms
8 Environment or surroundings
9 An obligation which falls on us, apparently!
10 Sparkling wine - "I sat" anagram?
11 British gun
13 Haunts or favoured places
19 Reliquary
20 Track circuit
21 _ __ it : I understand this (1,3)
22 Luv's twin brother
23 Songs for two
25 Major Chinese city
26 Disorderly crowds of people
27 French cheese
29 Rip
31 Mumbai's terminus
33 Type of monkey
34 Violet blue dye
36 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
37 Australian birds
38 "Road" anagram for a girl's name?
39 Keep ___ and soul together : manage to remain alive?
40 "I ran" anagram for a man's pet name?
43 Kimono sash
44 Go too ___ : go beyond limits of reason, politeness, etc.?
45 Native or inhabitant as a suffix
46 Chief executive officer, in short

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

S	T	R	A	T	A		B	E	L	I	E	F	
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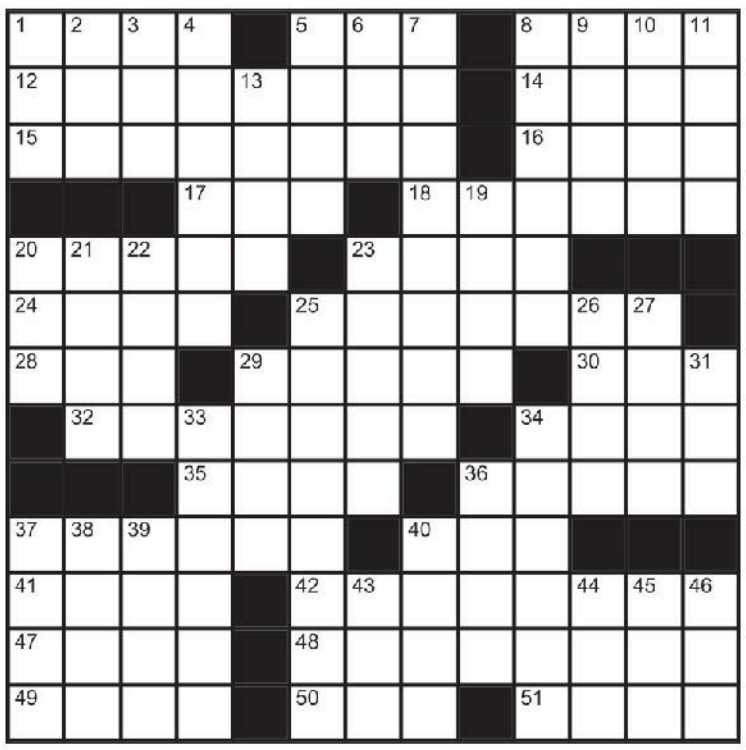

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

4	3	9	5	8	6	2	1	7
1	6	2	7	4	9	5	8	3
8	5	7	1	3	2	9	6	4
9	8	3	6	5	1	4	7	2
6	4	1	3	2	7	8	5	9
2	7	5	4	9	8	1	3	6
3	9	8	2	6	5	7	4	1
5	1	6	9	7	4	3	2	8
7	2	4	8	1	3	6	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LBOOBAMF FRK IWH REEOH QROO, PVI MHKIAM

KRF IWH AMH KWA RFZHX KWS.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS T

Friday's Cryptoquip: You don't need to win every medal to be successful.

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	(S-3)	3.45 pm; (S-4) 12.15 pm
Maayanagari (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
O Nanna Chethana (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Sneharshi (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Pindam (Te)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm

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Aa Rahasya (K)	:	1.25 pm
O Nanna Chethana (K)	:	4.00 pm, 6.30 pm

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		2.20 pm, 5.25 pm, 6.25 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Aalambana (Ta)	:	12 noon
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	12.15 pm, 3.45 pm 6.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.00 pm
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Pindam (Te)	:	6.20 pm

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		6.25 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	11.45 am, 6.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.45 am
Useless Fellow (K)	:	12.30 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	3.00 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
December 16 (K)	:	3.30 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	3.35 pm
Maayanagari (K)	:	6.00 pm

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	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 5.25 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 8.30 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am; (S-3) 3.55 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello -B (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm, 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	12 noon

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		5.10 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.20 pm
Useless Fellow (K)	:	11.05 am
Maayanagari (K)	:	2.05 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	3.05 pm, 10.10 pm
O Nanna Chethana (K)	:	5.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	6.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	7.00 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 18)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Living Style Exhibition, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple:** Subbarayana Shashti, Utsava, Darshana and Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Vishweshwaranagar, **5 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Laya Vidya Prathishtana and Sangeetha Kalavidara Balaga, Mysuru:** Nada Namana programme to pay tributes to Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju, Laya Lahari, an instrumental music ensemble, will be held under the guidance of Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy supported by Vid. N.N. Ganesh Kumar on violin, **6 pm;** Tributes will be paid by musicians, music-lovers and disciples of Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.30 pm.** [Mob: 94484-33988]
- **Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS), Mysuru, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) and University of Mysore (UoM):** Sky Watch Event, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sabarimale Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple:** 24th Year Dhwajarohana Mahothsava, Deeparadhana, Attazha Puja, Sree Bhootha Bali, Velakku, **5.30 pm to 9 pm;** Special Thayambaka by Vadyakalarathna Sri Payyavoor Gopalan Kutty Marar and Party, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 19)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5.30 am to 10.30 am** and **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sabarimale Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple:** 24th Year Dhwajarohana Mahothsava, Homa and various rituals, **5.30 am to 12 noon;** Maha Annadanam, **12.30 pm to 3 pm;** Deeparadhana, Attazha Puja, Sree Bhootha Bali, Velakku, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Persistent Systems and i4C (Inter Institutional Inclusive Innovations Centre):** Grand finale of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2023, L&T Technology Services Global Head Shashidhara Dongre and AICTE Deputy Director Dr. Nikhil Kant will inaugurate, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) President Gundappa Gowda presides, VVS Secretary P. Vishwanath, Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar and VVCE Principal & Nodal Centre Head Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda guests of honour, HoD in Computer Science Prof. M.R. Pooja will be present, H. Kempegowda Indoor Sports Complex, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), **8.30 am.**
- **Ascendance:** Watercolour solo expo by R. Chethan, Sree Kalanikehana Art Gallery, Vijajanagar, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Special Lecture Series, H.C. Mamatha, Associate Teacher, Government Higher Primary School, Muguru, T. Narasipur taluk, delivers lecture on 'Indian Constitution and Federation System,' Chandramma, Warden, Women's Hostel, Bogadi, presides, Women's Hostel premises, Bogadi, **10.30 am.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** National expo of household goods, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Nritya Vidyapeetha - Academy of Classical Dance and Indian Arts, Mysuru:** Nrityaradhane - Nartanadalli Dasa Smarane, Dharma Bodane Series-7, Karnataka Gramin Bank retd. Senior Manager Prasanna Prakash delivers talk on 'Mathru Bhumi,' Nandini Nrityalaya (Trust) Director Acharya Vid. Kannan Ramanujam chief guest; Bharatanatyam by sub-junior, junior and senior students, accompanied by DVSK Haripriya and Vaishnavi L. Urs on natuvanga, Nayana Nagaraj on vocal, Vid. G.T. Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Thandavamurthy on violin, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **5.45 pm.**
- **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysuru Branch:** Study Circle Meeting on 'GST Annual Returns - GSTR9' for the benefit of its members and finance professionals from Industry (facilitator - CA Annapurna Srikanth), Rotary Mysore Centre, opposite MUDA, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2598000]
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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